



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2001-05

WHEREAS, flooding and high water tables have damaged transportation infrastructure, agricultural interests, public, tribal, and private sewage and water systems and homes, as well as significant other improved property; and

WHEREAS, the damages to public, tribal, and private properties present a serious threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the damages to transportation infrastructure severely reduce the response time of emergency medical, fire, and other public safety responders; and

WHEREAS, potential agricultural losses, response, recovery, and mitigation costs constitute a serious economic hardship within the entire state; and

WHEREAS, flood statements issued by the National Weather Service call for Devils Lake to continue its historic rise, threatening the entire Devils Lake Basin; and

WHEREAS, significant additional precipitation will further aggravate problems; and

WHEREAS, I, John Hoeven, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of North Dakota, have declared a flood disaster for the State of North Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I order total utilization of the North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan, its procedures, attachments, and appendices toward recovery efforts, alleviation of hardship, and implementation of mitigation measures to facilitate restoration and recovery of vital infrastructure and to help meet essential needs of business, industry and individuals.

This order is issued upon the following bases and for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution.

2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the North Dakota Century Code.
3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 1st day of May 2001.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:
/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State